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County Executive Craig Proclaims October as “Breast Cancer Awareness Month” in Harford County

(Bel Air, MD) - - Harford County Executive David R. Craig has proclaimed October as “Breast Cancer Awareness Month” in Harford County. The formal proclamation will be issued during a ceremony at the historic Concord Point Lighthouse in Havre de Grace on Friday, September 28, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

“Harford County Government is once again proud to partner with the Maryland Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the City of Havre de Grace in our on-going effort to heighten awareness of the serious health issue of breast cancer,” stated County Executive Craig. “Our proclamation is a small step but a significant symbol of our support for Susan G. Komen for the Cure and others to find a cure for this terrible disease,” Craig stated.

To highlight “Breast Cancer Awareness Month”, Harford County Government, in cooperation with the City of Havre de Grace will illuminate the historic Concord Point Lighthouse in pink for the month of October. Additionally, the Harford County Administration Building located at 220 South Main Street in Bel Air will also be illuminated in pink during October.

The State of Maryland has the fifth highest breast cancer death rate in the nation according to statistics from the Maryland Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

The Harford County Health Department recommends breast cancer screenings for women beginning at age 40. Breast cancer screenings can be quick and easy and generally include two relatively simple procedures. The clinical breast exam and a mammogram complement one another. A clinical breast exam performed by a doctor can identify breast abnormalities. A mammogram is a low-dose X-ray picture of the breast that can help find breast cancer at an early stage when it can best be treated.

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“The pink rays of light reflecting on the Concord Point Lighthouse during “Breast Cancer Awareness Month” will be a symbol of Harford County’s dedication and hope in finding a cure,” said Kim Spence, Chief of Budget and Management for Harford County Government and coordinator of the event.

Among those participating in the special lighting ceremony at the Concord Point Lighthouse will be Mayor Wayne H. Dougherty from the City of Havre de Grace, members of the Havre de Grace City Council, Elaine Bonneau of Komen Maryland, Collen Critzer, survivor and City of Havre de Grace employee and Arden McClune, survivor, and Director of Harford County Department of Parks and Recreation and Kim Spence.

“Harford County is proud to support the work of the Maryland Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure in helping raise public awareness of breast cancer,” County Executive Craig said.

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